

“LETTING YOU KNOW”

The Illinois Department of Transportation is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects which we believe will be of interest to you.

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2004 CONSTRUCTION MANUAL CD:

The 2004 *Construction Manual* CD is now available. To obtain an order form, please contact the Manual Sales office at (217) 782-3464 or go to <http://www.dot.state.il.us/desenv/orderform.html>.

REVISED PROJECT PROCEDURES GUIDE:

The Project Procedures Guide (PPG) has been revised and released for use effective January 1, 2004. The PPG is a resource for determining reasonable sampling frequencies and inspection procedures for materials used in highway construction. Changes from the previous edition (February 1, 2002) are noted with a vertical line in the left-hand margin. The PPG is found in the department's *Construction Manual*. The PPG can also be accessed on the department's web site, www.dot.state.il.us, under "Doing Business/Materials/Project Procedures Guide."

ANNUAL JOINT PAINTING CONTRACTORS'/IDOT INSPECTORS' MEETING:

This year's annual joint Painting Contractors'/IDOT Inspectors' meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2004. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the UIS Public Affairs Center (PAC), Rooms C & D, in Springfield, Illinois. Topics of discussion will include SSPC Certification, Specification Revisions, Program Update, etc., and open discussion to address any other issues of interest.

A letter will be sent out shortly to all registered painting contractors with more details and a map with directions to the PAC. Any questions should be directed to Gary Kowalski at (217) 785-2914, or you can e-mail him at KowalskiGM@nt.dot.state.il.us.

ELECTRONIC PLANS AND PROPOSALS:

Starting with the March 5, 2004 Letting, the department will be offering Plans and Proposals electronically. Plans and/or Proposals may be downloaded from the department's web site at no cost. CDs containing Plans and Proposals may be also be purchased from IDOT. **At some future time the department will offer Plans and Proposals ONLY electronically.** Please see the Special Notice located in this Bulletin.

ADDENDA:

It is the contractor's responsibility to determine which, if any, addenda pertains to any project they may be bidding. Failure to incorporate all relevant addenda may cause the bid to be declared unacceptable. **When the Department implements electronic ONLY Plans and Proposals, it will not be sending addenda to individual plan holders.** Please see the Special Notice located in this Bulletin.



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